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SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED EMBASSY JULY 27 THAT GOP NO LONGER INTERESTED IN EVACUATION HOSPITALS OR HH-43 HELICOPTERS. HOWEVER, GOP STILL WISHES TO OBTAIN 2 HARBOR TUGS NOW IN PUERTO RICO. IN ADDITION GOP ASKED THAT US LOOK CAREFULLY AT LIST OF AVIATION ITEMS PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED, AND PROVIDED ADDITIONAL LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED IN FISHERIES FIELD. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT CINCEUR INFORM COMPONENT COMMANDS AS APPROPRIATE CONCERNING GOP DECISION NOT TO OBTAIN EVACUATION HOSPITALS AND HELICOPTERS. END SUMMARY

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ANDRESEN, ACCOMPANIED BY EUROPE-AMERICA ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CHIEF SILVA-MARQUES, CALLED IN CHARGE JULY 27 TO PRESENT RESPONSE TO LETTER WHICH CHARGE HAD SENT MINISTER JULY 26 REVIEWING STATUS DRAWING RIGHTS PROGRAM. LETTER POUCHED EUR/IB.

2. ON EVACUATION HOSPITALS, FONOFF OFFICIALS SAID THAT AS USG IS UNABLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE SELECTED PORTIONS

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OF HOSPITALS, GOP IS NOT INTERESTED IN OBTAINING HOSPITALS.

3. ANDRESEN SAID GOP REMAINS DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN HARBOR TUGS IN PUERTO RICO, AND THAT ONLY A FORMAL COMMITMENT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PORTS IS LACKING. ANDRESEN PROMISED TO FOLLOW UP AND BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY.

4. ON HELICOPTERS FONOFF OFFICIALS SAID GOP HAD DECIDED HH-43 DEFINITELY NOT SUITABLE FOR PORTUGAL'S NEEDS. CHARGE NOTED THAT HELICOPTERS WHICH HAVE BEEN OPERATIONAL UNTIL A FEW WEEKS AGO IN FIRE FIGHTING AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES, ARE CONSIDERED BY MAAG OFFICERS TO BE ECONOMICAL, AND RENEWED OFFER TO HOLD TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MAAG AND APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS. FONOFF OFFICIALS SAID GOP DECISION FINAL.

5. ANDRESEN REFERRED TO DETAILED LIST OF HELICOPTERS AND OTHER AVIATION ITEMS GIVEN EMBASSY IN JUNE (LISBON 2336), WHICH HAD BEEN HELD IN ABEYENCE UNTIL GOP GAVE DEFINITE ANSWER ON HH-43S (LISBON 2373). ANDRESEN SAID GOP VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN ANY PORTION OF LIST WHICH US MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE, AND NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT FONMIN PATRICIO HAD GIVEN COPY OF THAT LIST TO SECRETARY WHEN THEY MET IN HELSINKI. CHARGE SAID US WOULD CAREFULLY EXAMINE LIST BUT NOTED (AS HE HAD DONE IN JUNE 20 MEETING WITH FONMIN PATRICIO A-109), THAT MANY OF THE ITEMS--SUCH AS TWIN ENGINE JET, SPARE PARTS AND TRAINING--CLEARLY COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED IN "EXCESS" CATEGORY.

6. FONOFF OFFICIALS GAVE CHARGE LIST OF ITEMS DEVELOPED FOR INCLUSION IN 4TH DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND APPLYING TO FISHERIES MINISTRY. CHARGE NOTED THAT LIST CONTAINS WIDE VARIETY OF ITEMS (FROM OUTBOARD MOTORS TO FLOATING DRYDOCK) MANY OF WHICH UNLIKELY TO BE IN EXCESS. FONOFF OFFICIALS RECOGNIZED THIS, SAYING LIST PREPARED FOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND NOT FOR THIS PROGRAM, BUT ASKED THAT IT BE EXAMINED WITH AIM OF IDENTIFYING SOME ITEMS WHICH MIGHT BE PROVIDED FROM EXCESS. LIST POUCHED EUR/IB AND USCINCEUR.  
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